

To: Dr. Bill Stokes, Director
NTP Interagency Center for the Evaluation of Alternative Toxicological
Methods (MD-EC-17)
National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences

Regarding: Animal Testing

From: Colleen Gardner

Dear Sir:

I am 50 years old, and as naive as this may sound to you, I did not know until July of 2001, that cruel animal testing was routinely done by some companies on a wide range of animals when they develop new cosmetics, laundry detergents, household cleaners, and other products.

I was ashamed to think that I had purchased many of these products, and contributed to the suffering and death of millions of animals. And then I became angry when I found out that there are no laws that require these tests.

Animals are burned, blinded and forced to ingest chemicals, and then killed and disposed of for the sake of developing yet one more shade of hair coloring or lipstick; can this be true?

Do we really need ONE more laundry detergent if this is the price that is paid? I have never seen a rabbit or mouse or any other animal use any of these products, and yet they have to die for them?

I am now an educated consumer, and I will never again buy a product that is tested in this way, but I am powerless to stop this atrocity completely. However, you have the ability to change this world for the better, and I ask, no, I beg that you do that!

Non-animal testing methods are available, so please, stop the torture and death.

Colleen